

GLOBAL SIKH COUNCIL

International Voice of The Sikhs

Honourable Prime Minister Imran Khan P.M Secretariat, Constitution Hill, G-5/2, Islamabad Pakistan

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The Global Sikh Council (GSC) would like to warmly congratulate you on opening the Kartarpur corridor for all Sikh and non-Sikh devotees of Guru Nanak to visit the place where he spent final years of his life.

The GSC is also pleased to learn that the Peshawar High Court has restrained the police and the Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB) from taking possession of a portion of the land belonging to the Gurdwara Bhai Biba Singh. This gurdwara is situated at Chaka Gali near Hashtnagri area and is a historical gurdwara for the Sikh community. Sikhs have been worshipping there since before the partition and is of historical importance for the Sikhs worldwide.

The ETPB illegally auctioned a part of the Gurdwara land on July 18, 2016 where the Sikhs were seeking planning permission from the ETPB to construct a dinning hall. On November 20, 2018, The ETPB issued a letter to the local police, asking them for hand over the land allocated to the person. The Sikhs had to take this case to the court and have obtained a stay order.

GSC will be grateful, if you give the matter an urgent attention and ensure that the land from the historic gurdwaras is not forcibly taken away. The global Sikh community would like to strengthen its ties with the people of Pakistan.

Best wishes from the global Sikh community

Warm regards

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